

Nationals Arrive Late at Detroit to Find Tigers' Diamond Deluged by Water

TIGERS FIELD SEA OF MUDDY WATER; GAME VERY REMOTE

Three Hours Late In Trip From Chicago To Detroit This Morning.

WATCH SCENERY AND PLAY AT WHIST

Masseur Waiting In Lake City to Take Hold of Elberfeld's Lame Leg.

By "SENATOR."

Only Washington Newspaper Man With the Nationals.
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 24.—After an all-night ride the Nationals arrived here before noon and found that the prospects of a game were decidedly remote. A steady rain converted Bennett Park into a morass of mud, but Hughey Jennings declared he would not call off the opening of the series until the very last minute, as he is figuring upon making up some lost ground at the expense of the Washington club. Tom Hughes is with the club none the worse off as a result of his fight with a Chicago fan yesterday.

The Nationals arrived here more than three hours late. Most of the three hours was spent looking at trees, barns, moody cows, and plain green grass. The players spent their time at whist and grumbling, several having appointments here. The appointments have been killed.

Kid Elberfeld, who is carrying a lame leg around with him, has a professional masseur here who will attempt to work the lameness out before the veteran has to leave for Cleveland. The masseur used to work on him when the kid played with the Detroit team—and that was some years back. Elberfeld always visits him when he comes to Detroit.

The White Sox, always looking for a piece of change, went to Goshen, Ind., yesterday for an exhibition game with the Seeds, but the Nationals were only too glad to have a day of rest. They hung around their hotel, talking baseball, particularly the draft lists.

The action of Comiskey in the drafting business came as quite a surprise here. Although it was generally understood that the owner of the Sox was pretty well satisfied with the array of ball players he now has in Chicago, he got so busy with the drafting that no less than twenty-six names are included on the list which was sent to the National Commission by the Chicago magnate.

All these men have been recalled with the idea of putting them through a severe course of sports in the spring in the hope of finding a couple of able players to fill the weak spots that have lately developed in the Sox line-up.

"It makes me laugh," Johnson was telling a band of Nationals before they boarded the train for Detroit last night, "of all the talk about the abolition of the lively ball."

Lively Ball Continues.

"The last time I was in Washington I went so far as to give out a statement that the same ball that was used at the beginning of the year was still in force, but now I see stories coming from the East that it has gone out of existence."

"Well, there's nothing to that. We adopted the ball and it is still in the game, and promises to continue to remain, as there has been no serious objection to it by the fans, who after all are the ones who make baseball popular."

Among the callers at the Nationals' headquarters before they left Chicago was Bert Keeley, who used to pitch at Florida avenue and Seventh street when Cardillo was in the pilot house. Keeley is now in the moving picture business in Chicago, and at the same time has a suit for several thousand dollars against a railroad, claiming that he was badly hurt in an accident last season when he was with the Omaha club.

Terminal All-Stars To Play St. Stephens

A game that should be interesting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon between the All-Star team of the R. R. Y. M. C. A. League and the St. Stephens team, of the Marquette League. Play will be started at 3 o'clock on the Marquette League grounds at Thirty-fifth street and Wisconsin avenue.

Posts \$1,000 For Bout.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Frank Klaus has posted \$1,000 that he will stop Billy Papke in twenty rounds in California.

Very Few of Them Run According to Dope



BOB THAYER'S SPORTING GOSSIP

"EVERY KNOCK IS A BOOST."

Tom is some "white hope."

His name, old top, listen here. 'Is 'onor, the Marquis o' Queensberry, is 'ere among us now, and has gone and seen one of these bally baseball games, some kind of a game between Cincinnati and the Gints, woever they be, dash me, old top. An' listen 'ere; 'ere is wot 'is 'onor has to say about the game. "The wonderful sea of thousands of faces expressing every phase of fierce passion for a wonderful game of skill, almost tended to take one's attention off the game—the psychology of the spectacle leaves one wondering. Then the clean, hard driving possesses the resonant smack of the ball, which is such music to the cricketer's ear. The whole impression is brainy athleticism in excelsis."

Now, would you ever believe 'is 'onor 'ad it in 'im? Bet 'e'll make these blasted Americans stand around afore 'e's through travelin' about.

Get after 'em, you Nationals!

Ha, ha! discovered—the discoverer of the spitball. That bold, brave Hughey Fullerton has gone and dug up Mike Scanlon, our own fellow-citizen, who told him that Tommy Bond used the spitball in 1873 in New Bedford, up in Massachusetts, the town where all the whalers used to come from in the dark ages. Yep, Tommy used to carry glycerine in his pocket, smear it on the ball, and make it dart 'ither and 'ither, just like Ed Walsh's splitter. He didn't call it the splitter, but Mike took Hughey down into his cellar, and after putting out all the lights and listening intently for approaching footsteps in a rowboat, he told him about it. And then Hughey rushed away from our fair city and printed every blamed word of it. You just can't escape Hughey when you have any kind of baseball information. It won't do you any good, anyway, for he'll hit his trusty typewriter and write something about you. Leave it to Hughey; he's a demon when it comes to our great national pastime.

Good-by, Davy and George.

How any sane man can find it within him to bet real money, pounds sterling, and all that kind of junk, on the chances of Bombardier Wells to defeat Jack Johnson is without my ken. Wells never has shown the slightest class making him eligible for a match with the world's heavyweight champion. Even when defeating third-class English boxers, he has always impressed a capable judge of his own inferiority as a heavy-weight performer. If he enters the ring with Johnson, he will be giving away fully forty pounds. He will be facing a man who is a skilled boxer, well-schooled in the fine points of the game and, furthermore, a man who carries the sleep wallop in his left hand.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

| Standing of the Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. | Today's |
|------------------------|----|----|------|---------|
| Philadelphia | 74 | 49 | .649 | .582 |
| Detroit | 70 | 46 | .605 | .597 |
| Boston | 59 | 55 | .515 | .522 |
| New York | 58 | 57 | .509 | .515 |
| Cleveland | 58 | 57 | .504 | .509 |
| Chicago | 57 | 58 | .496 | .500 |
| WASH. TON | 49 | 67 | .423 | .427 |
| St. Louis | 44 | 80 | .354 | .358 |

Yesterday's Results. No games played.

Games Today. Washington at Detroit. Philadelphia at Cleveland. New York at Chicago. Boston at St. Louis.

Games Tomorrow. Murphy at St. Louis. Washington at Detroit. Philadelphia at Cleveland.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

| Standing of the Clubs. | W. | L. | Pct. | Today's |
|------------------------|----|----|------|---------|
| Chicago | 65 | 41 | .613 | .617 |
| New York | 57 | 43 | .569 | .573 |
| Pittsburgh | 57 | 43 | .568 | .572 |
| Philadelphia | 55 | 45 | .552 | .556 |
| St. Louis | 50 | 51 | .491 | .495 |
| Cincinnati | 50 | 50 | .455 | .460 |
| Brooklyn | 47 | 53 | .421 | .426 |
| Boston | 37 | 65 | .361 | .365 |

Yesterday's Results. Philadelphia, 3; Pittsburgh, 2. Cincinnati, 5; Boston, 2. Chicago, 6; New York, 2. Brooklyn, 6; St. Louis, 1.

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Five Boxing Clubs File \$10,000 Bonds

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—The fight clubs here, which have filed their \$10,000 bond with the State authorities, and will be chartered by the State fight commission between now and Monday, are the Madison, National, Twentieth Century, Madison Square, and Fairmont. It is expected the Madison Square, which is backed by a powerful combination of politicians, will get the cream of the bouts.

PROPOSED TRADE IS CERTAIN TO BRING "SYNDICATE" CRY

Philly Fans Look Askance Upon Deal Of Moore For Hofman And Cole.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 24.—The cry of "syndicate baseball" is sure to be heard if the latest proposed trade between the Philadelphia and Chicago National League teams goes through. Manager Chance, intent on landing the flag, has offered "King" Cole and other Artie Hoffman or Wilbur Goode for Earl Moore, the Phillies' big pitcher. Moore has been very successful against Pittsburgh and the Giants, and it is for this reason that Chance wants him. Moore is said to be dissatisfied here. He thinks that the support given him is not good enough, and that he should have won at least five more games this season. Starting the season well, he has lately been shoved into the back-ground by Alexander and Chalmers. This does not suit him at all, and he will welcome the trade, if it can be arranged. Chance believes that for his team to land the pennant he must defeat Pittsburgh and New York. Moore's success against these two teams is known and Chance counts on his work to put the Cubs in first place to stay.

Promising Southpaw Snaps Arm In Game

KEWANEE, Ill., Aug. 24.—Obrin Young, aged nineteen, a southpaw pitcher of promise, broke his arm between the elbow and shoulder in a game at League Park here near the close of the game, which his team won, 5 to 1. The ball shot sixty feet in the air when his arm snapped.

Royals After Games.

The Royal Athletic Club wants games with eighteen-year-old teams of the District. Address S. Dominic, 437 R street northwest.

JACK JOHNSON IS WILLING TO FACE LANGFORD IN RING

World's Champion Says Boston Man Will Get Chance.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—Jack Johnson has agreed verbally to fight Sam Langford in Australia. Jack plans to go to Australia after his fight with Bombardier Wells, the English champion, in five weeks and a short theatrical engagement in Paris. Then, he said, he would accept Hugh McIntosh's offer for a fight with the Boston tar baby. "This Langford has pestered me enough, and he's going to have his chance within two months," said Johnson. "I have accepted McIntosh's offer to go to Australia and fight whoever he may name. I told him I preferred Langford. This time I'm going to get the big money out of the Australian trip. The last time Tommy Burns got the money, and I got training expenses and a ticket home." Johnson weighs 252 pounds, which will probably be his weight when he enters the ring with Wells. Jack is only working to have his wind in good shape. Wells will go into the ring in the pig of condition. Johnson is now a five-to-one favorite, and the chances are bigger odds will be offered on him.

Escapes Football To Be Hurt On Diamond

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 24.—After playing through many seasons of football without injury, Bill Neely, captain of Vanderbilt University's champion Southern eleven, sustained a broken arm playing baseball for his home team at Smyrna, Tenn. He swung at a curve and missed it, his arm breaking.

Victory For Seaton.

The Seaton Athletic Club won from the Parkview nine, yesterday, by 7 to 3. The game was played on the grounds of the latter club, and was witnessed by a large number of enthusiastic fans.

WASHINGTON LEFT OUT OF ITINERARY FOR GLIDDEN TOUR

President Duvall, Of the Automobile Club, Notified By Contest Board.

CITY NOT ON LINE OF ROUTE SCHEDULED

Capital Motorists Likely To Be Represented By a Team.

By HARRY WARD.

Washington will not be included in the itinerary of the Glidden reliability tour. Information to this effect was received today by William S. Duvall, president of the Automobile Club of Washington, from the contest board of the American Automobile Association, which is promoting the tour. According to T. B. Shoemaker, of the contest board, the association has entered into a definite arrangement with representatives of the Atlanta and Jacksonville Chambers of Commerce to carry the 1911 Glidden tour over the so-called national highway, New York to Atlanta, and as Washington is not on this route it will be impossible to bring the tour to this city. "I owe allegiance to Washington as my birthplace," said Mr. Shoemaker, "and appreciate the many advantages the city offers, but we are committed to the present route, and this year will not be able to take the tourists to the National Capital."

While Washington will not have the pleasure of entertaining the Gliddenites, there is a good prospect the city will be represented in the tour by a team of three machines. Efforts are being made in several quarters to organize such a team and they are likely to be successful.


The eyes of the automobile world are on Elgin, where a two-days' race meet begins tomorrow. Three races are booked for the opening day, while on Saturday the big race, known as the Elgin National, will be the Illinois trophy at 30 miles. The Kane county trophy race follows, the distance being 100 miles, and then will come the Aurora cup race at 135 miles. The Elgin trophy race, on Saturday, will be 300 miles. The course is reported in splendid shape, and fast laps have been made. The drivers in practice spins. Among the prominent drivers who will make a bid for fame and money are Mulford, Zengle, Aitken, Grant, Hartman, Hughes, DePalma, Wishart, Buck, Greiner, Gilmaw, Roberts, Kulick, Merz and Herr.

In making the Glidden tour a team competition instead of a contest between individual cars, the contest board of the three A's has tacitly approved an idea originally advanced by the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Company. That company contended that when several cars of a certain make participate in a contest, the team score should be considered rather than the individual car score, because it frequently happens that only one car of a team is able to finish or make a good showing. Thus the 1911 Glidden will furnish a new basis of judging the work of the entrants, and the team of three Maxwells entered by the United States Motor Company will run under conditions the makers have always championed.

Revision of automobile prices for 1912 by many of the prominent makers will put a new complexion on the contest situation, so far as concerns the classification of cars in price divisions. Changes in the selling price, whether large or small, will put many cars in classes in which they did not compete this year, and few of the makers will meet the same competitors next season.

With tales of great catches made in the Shenandoah river near Castleman's Ferry, Va., Clarence Barnard, of the Barnard Motor Car Company, and Dr. Lewis returned yesterday from a week's fishing trip. A Stoddard-Dayton roadster was used by Mr. Barnard while on the trip.

Miss Anna L. Cammack has placed an order with the Wilson Company for a Cole roadster.



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